

**STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD  
BOARD MEETING SESSION – DIVISION OF WATER QUALITY  
OCTOBER 20, 2020**

**ITEM 5**

**SUBJECT**

CONSIDERATION OF A PROPOSED RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OR DESIGNEE TO ACCEPT A FEDERAL GRANT TO CONTINUE REGULATORY OVERSIGHT AT THE LAWRENCE LIVERMORE NATIONAL LABORATORY SITE 300 FACILITY

**DISCUSSION**

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and the State of California signed a Federal Facilities Agreement for State and Federal activities at DOE's Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory Site 300 (LLNL Site 300) on June 29, 1992.

The LLNL Site 300 is a DOE experimental test facility operated by Lawrence Livermore National Security, LLC that conducts research, development, and testing, associated with high-explosive materials. Historic operations at the site resulted in the release of contaminants, including solvents and radionuclides to the environment. The Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region (Central Valley Water Board) has been providing oversight for DOE's ongoing environmental restoration and waste management activities through a DOE grant since January 1993.

The current grant expires on October 31, 2020. A new grant proposal between the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) and DOE is proposed to provide up to \$950,000 to fund oversight work by the Central Valley Water Board for the period from November 1, 2020 through October 31, 2023.

**POLICY ISSUE**

Should the State Water Board authorize the Executive Director to accept up to \$950,000 in federal grant funds to continue oversight activities at the LLNL Site 300 facility?

**FISCAL IMPACT**

The proposed resolution will allow continuation of LLNL Site 300 oversight activities with federal grant funds. The State Water Board budget has adequate federal fund appropriation authority to expend these funds.

**REGIONAL BOARD IMPACT**

Yes. Central Valley Water Board staff have funding to provide oversight for LLNL Site 300 through October 31, 2020. With an approved Resolution, Central Valley Water Board can continue project oversight through October 31, 2023.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

That the State Water Board authorize the Executive Director or designee to accept up to \$950,000 in federal grant funds to continue oversight activities at the LLNL Site 300 facility.